

Rona Fairhead CBE

Chairman

Rona is currently on the Board of PepsiCo Inc. She was a non-executive Director of HSBC Holdings plc and non-executive Chairman of HSBC Northern American Holdings Inc from 2004-2016. She was also Chairman and CEO of the Financial Times Group from 2006 – 2013. She has held senior positions in financial and global businesses including Pearson plc, ICI plc and Bombardier Inc.



BBC Trust responsibilities

- Chairman

Current external positions

- Non-executive Director, PepsiCo Inc

Previous external positions

- Senior Consultant, Bain & Co Inc (1989-1990 and 1983-1987)
- Independent Consultant, BAE Systems plc (1990 -1991)
- Executive Vice-President, Strategy and Communications, Bombardier Short Brothers (1991-1994)
- General Manager, Bombardier UK Aerospace Services (1994-1996)
- Director, Planning and Acquisitions, ICI plc (1996-1997)
- Executive Vice-President, Planning and Communications, ICI plc (1997-1998)
- Executive Vice-President, Strategy and Group, ICI plc (1998-2001)
- Group Finance Director, Pearson plc (2002 – 2006)
- Chairman and CEO, Financial Times Group, Pearson plc (2006-2013)
- Non-Executive Director, Economist Group (2006-2014)
- Non-Executive Director, Her Majesty's Government Cabinet Office Board (2011-2014)
- UKTI Business Ambassador, UK Trade & Investment (UKTI) (2014-2015)
- Non-executive Director, HSBC Holdings plc (2004-2016)
- Non-executive Chairman, HSBC Northern American Holdings Inc (2004-2016)

Other relevant experience

- Awarded CBE in Queen's Birthday Honours 2012 for services to industry
- Awarded Honorary Doctorates by the University of Teesside and Queen's University Belfast
- Awarded an Honorary Fellowship of St Catharine's College, Cambridge